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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part I)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (A/46/783 and A/47/743).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

3. At its 46th meeting, on 16 December 1992, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, owing to the lack of time to consider the reports of the Secretary-General on this item, to recommend to the General Assembly that in order to provide for the continued maintenance of the Mission it should authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to the amount of 7,138,500 United States dollars gross (6,834,300 dollars net) for the period ending 28 February 1993 and that that amount should be provided from the unencumbered balance of the appropriation provided for the Mission.

4. The Committee also decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should defer to its resumed forty-seventh session consideration of this agenda item.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it should:

(a) Authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to the amount of 7,138,500 United States dollars gross (6,834,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period ending 28 February 1993 and that that amount be provided from the unencumbered balance of the appropriation provided for the Mission;

(b) Defer to the resumed forty-seventh session of the Assembly consideration of agenda item 121, "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".